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In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
WATANABE et al. ) Art Unit 2167  
Application Number: 10/720,178 )  
Filed: November 25, 2003 )  
For: DATA DISTRIBUTION METHOD, DATA SEARCH )  
METHOD, AND DATA SEARCH SYSTEM )  
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0131 )

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**COVER LETTER**

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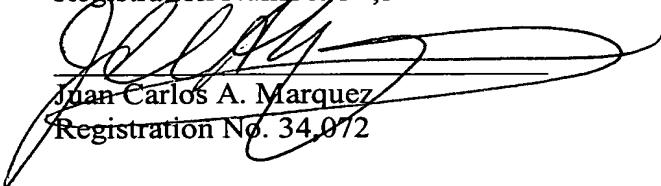
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**LETTER TO DRAFTSPERSON**

Sir:

In response to the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2006, Applicants are submitting replacement drawings for Fig. 6, in which a textural label "DB" is being added into to each database element, and a broken line is being added between element 61 and element 64, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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